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SUBJECT: SOFA WITH TANZANIA: PROPOSED LANGUAGE BEING
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(SBU) Ambassador Pastor Ngaiza, Head of the Europe and Americas Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, understands the importance of quickly concluding an exchange of notes on a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) with the Government of Tanzania in preparation for a Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) Civil Affairs Team deployment and possible training programs in early 2007 under the Africa Contingency Operations Training Assistance (ACOTA) program. Ngaiza told PolCouns December 13 that he had forwarded the Embassy's December 8 diplomatic note with proposed draft language (reftel) to the Ministry of Defense (MOD). He promised to contact the Embassy should MOD's legal office have questions or need any clarification. The Defense Attaché (DATT) will also track progress of this review of the proposed SOFA language by the MOD.

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